

## Church School Spring 2 update 2022

### Religious Education

This half term has seen a continuation and embedding of our RE curriculum and the use of 'Walk through the Bible' resource. Our RE leader has focused her time this half term on working with our EYFS provision to ensure RE is meeting the needs of our youngest children.

Mrs Penrose continues to attend the SACRE Agreed Syllabus Conferences.

The availability of virtual training continues to be of real benefit and staff have attended training from a range of sources including Diocese. We have spoken to Diocese and requested topics for future training. Topics have included:

- RE in small school
- Collective Worship Training
- World Religions training
- What makes good RE

The 'What makes good RE' training links really well to the recent Ofsted report on teaching RE. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-review-series-religious-education>

All our teachers have attended training on how to use knowledge organisers in RE topics. We are now looking at ways to support teachers plan units of work on Christianity to ensure resources are carefully matched and developed to be tailored to the new curriculum.

### Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge

Our Lent Challenge this year has been on the theme of 'Brave Believers'. We thoroughly explored this through our Collective Worship here sessions across the half term. It has culminated with a digital presentation. Please do click [here](#) or on the link for full access to the presentation.

<https://www.loom.com/share/519da7fc559b44639c8118c3c1996284>



### Our Church Community

As we have focused on 'perseverance' and 'courage' in our Collective Worship over the Spring term, our pupils put these values into action, along with our school value of 'friendship', in raising £1281 for our school and Machemba School in Malawi. The fundraising was targeted to fund desks essential for the children in Malawi to work at in school. All pupils completed a 2km run in school, and many pupils completed many 2km runs to increase their sponsorship total. We have seen a surge in interest in running following the event, with pupils and staff making circuits of the track during break and lunchtimes.

As well as attending our joint services and contributing to our ongoing cycle of self-evaluation of collective worship, foundation governors met again this term to review their work as Foundation Governors so far this year and to plan the monitoring and visits for the summer term.

### Collective Worship

We continue to work as an extended team with Barrington Primary C of E School and Rev. Felicity to share planning for Collective Worship and to support each other in the planning and teaching of Biblical values. We have followed the theme of 'courage' linked to the Lent Challenge. We have shared in a joint Collective Worship with Barrington C of E Primary for the beginning of Lent and Holy Week to mark these special times. We have also used Genr8 resources, which has helped the children reflect in situations of conflict in the world through the video on 'Hope in Brokenness' in response to the international situation.

## Collective Worship Spring 2 highlights:

Week 1 - Following on from last term's Collective Worship theme of perseverance, this week we are introducing our new theme of courage. Using the Values for Life resources, Rev Felicity talked about encouraging others and we reflected on the courage shown by Shackleton 100 years ago.

Week 2- This week, Rev Felicity is leading our Collective Worship on Ash Wednesday as we enter Lent. We will also be using the GenR8 resources "Letting go" which encourages children to take a moment be still and breathe out worries.

Week 3- It is the season of Lent in the Church and Christian Calendar and as a school we are just beginning our time of reflection before Easter. Our Lent challenge for 2022 is titled 'Brave Believers'. It fits in nicely with our theme of courage at the moment and builds on our work on emotions, resilience, our school values and the Collective Worship theme shared with Barrington in Spring half term 1. Brave believers is all about being brave. We can be brave in many ways such as by: telling the truth, aiming for justice for what is right, striving for peace in the world around us, having faith to believe, knowing about salvation, knowing we are all welcome to be part of God's family and in line with our school values, knowing we can stand strong being a light for others sharing God's love.

Week 4 – This week, we will continue to reflect on the themes of 'courage' as part of the 'Brave Believers' Lent challenge. This week we will encourage pupils to be courageous advocates in their own lives by helping and doing good deeds for others.

Week 5 - Pupils this week are reflecting on what it means to be a courageous advocate in their school and local community. They have reflected on stories where individuals have shown great '**courage**' to stand up for what is right and be a light to others.

Week 6 – Our Lent challenge focus on bravery draws to a close this week. GenR8 provides the opportunity to reflect on situations of conflict in the world through 'hope in brokenness'. We conclude the week sharing our join service with Barrington in preparation for Holy Week.